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## ***SAN ANTONIO HEARING OFFERS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS EXCESSIVE FEDERAL REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT***

<b>WHO:</b>	SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens, members of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board for Region VI from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas and representatives of federal regulatory agencies will hear concerns, comments and complaints about federal regulatory enforcement and compliance. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations, and community and business leaders are invited to testify about compliance and enforcement of regulations by federal agencies.
<b>WHAT:</b>	To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, Congress has directed the SBA and the National Ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness hearings. Concerns and complaints aired at this hearing will be directed to the appropriate federal regulatory agency. Testimonies gathered at these hearings are also reported to Congress.
<b>WHEN:</b>	May 16, 2006 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
<b>WHERE:</b>	South West Texas Border – Small Business Development Center University of Texas at San Antonio 501 West Durango Blvd. Durango Building, Room #2.316 San Antonio, TX 78207
<b>MEDIA</b>	National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens will be available on May 16 at noon for media interviews.

**Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing.**

Any small business concerned about excessive enforcement of federal regulations can contact their local SBA district office or the National Ombudsman at 888-REG-FAIR (888-734-3247) or go to the National Ombudsman Web site at [www.sba.gov/ombudsman](http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman). **For more information on the May 16 Regulatory Fairness Hearing, contact Lucille Maldonado the SBA office in San Antonio at (210) 403-5921.**

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